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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL ON KISSINGER AND LATIN AMERICA

1. OCTOBER 9 EDITION OF MODERATE, OPPOSITION, MASS CIRCULATION DAILY LA PRENSA CARRIES EDITORIAL ON "US-LATIN AMERICAN DIALOGUE." EDITORIAL CALLS PROPOSED BOGOTA FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING "PRELUDE TO NEW ERA" IN US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS.

2. EDITORIAL PRAISES SECRETARY KISSINGER'S READINESS LISTEN TO LATIN AMERICANS AND CALLS UPON LATINS TO PREPARE CAREFULLY JOINT POSITIONS WHICH STRESS COMMON INTERESTS RAHER THAN PINTS OF DIVISION WHICH WILL NOT RESULT IN COMMON GOOD. IN APPARENT DIG AT GOP'S SOMETIMES VOCAL CRITICISM OF THE UNITED STATES IN INTER-AMERICAN FORUMS, LA PRENSA CALLS FOR SOLIDY PREPARED POSITIONS RATHER THAN WEIGHTLESS VOCAL PRO- NOUCEMENTS AROUND THE CONFERENCE TABLE.

3. LA PRENSA ASSIGNS PRIORITY TO DISCUSSION OF PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS FOR LATIN AMERICA, REPEAL OF DISCRIMINATORY US CON- GRESSIONAL LEGISTLATION (E.G. THE HICKENLOOPER AND GONZALEZ AMENDMENTS) AND THE 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA QUESTION.

4. EDITORIAL STATES IT HOPES SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL EXHIBIT AT BOGOTA THE FRANKNESS THAT MADE HIM FAMOUS IN PEKING,

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MOSCOW, AND PARIS.

5. COMMENT. TO DATE, LA PRENSA EDITORIAL IS ONLY PUBLIC REACTION TO BOGOTA CONFERENCE. GOP HAS ISSUED NO STATEMENTS ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE UNHAPPY THAT FONMINS ARE NOT GATHERING IN LIMA AS COLOMBIAN FONMIN REPORTEDLY HAD PREVIOUSLY SUGGESTED.
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